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CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Many homes are saddened and much suffering caused during the Christmas holiday season when a fire, due to the ignition of the tree or its inflammable decorations by a lighted candle or other means, destroys the home, not infrequently accompanied by the sacrifice of the lives of loved ones.

Setting up and decorating the Christmas tree calls for more than ordinary care. In the first place, it should be firmly set in a stand provided for that purpose, so that it cannot be easily toppled over. Under no circumstances should it be placed near a stove nor in proximity to gas lights. For decorative purposes, only non-combustible material, such as metal tinsel, flakes of asbestos and powdered mica (for snow effects) should be used. Tissue paper, cotton, or other like combustible materials should never be used to decorate the Christmas tree or the home.

Numerous fires have occurred in the past from the practice of attaching candles to the branches of the tree for illuminating purposes. A very much safer plan, where at all feasible, is to illuminate the tree by means of small colored electric lights, care being taken to see that the wiring is properly installed. A colored spotlight focused on the tree is most effective from a decorative standpoint, and is the safest method of all.

The impersonator of Santa Claus can render his costume partially fireproof, at least, by spraying it with what is known as water glass. He should be careful not to come in contact with open lights of any kind, as several fires have been occasioned when the flowing robes or cotton whiskers of Santa Claus became ignited from some cause or other.

Every home should be provided with a hand fire extinguisher, which should be conveniently located, should anything go amiss in connection with the Christmas tree. In the event a fire extinguisher is not available, a bucket of water should be kept close at hand.

All Christmas trees and evergreens used in decorating the home should be properly removed when they have served their purpose. When they become withered and dried up, they are highly inflammable and are a serious fire hazard if allowed to remain on the premises.

A beautiful custom of comparatively recent practice, but one fraught with the hazard of fire, is the placing of a lighted candle in a front window on Christmas Eve. The hazard lies in the fact that a gust of wind or a sudden draft may cause the window curtain to come in contact with the lighted candle, with a resultant fire. Where possible an electric light only should be used for this purpose, and should this be inexpedient, especial care should be taken that the window curtain does not come in contact with the ordinary lighted candle.

Persons responsible for places of public assemblage and those who invite the public into their structures to participate in or to witness Christmas festivities should see to it that all exits are easy of access and free from obstructions of every character. First aid fire appliances, such as chemical extinguishers, pails of water, or buckets of sand, should be located where they can readily be reached, should an emergency arise.

The need and importance of care in connection with Christmas holiday festivals has been most forcibly brought home to the people as a whole, but more especially to those who have lost members of their families.

HORSE- AND - BUGGY DAYS

The horse and buggy that got jugged for going through Antioch sans driver at two a. m. Tuesday went over big as a conversational theme. Here's what the older set said when they heard about it: "Do you remember when the old timers used to drive their nags up to the hitch rack in Antioch with a snap and a flourish? What a time that used to be with the bay colt rearing and plunging and the village hangers-on standing by knowing that you would be insulted to the fighting point if you so much as made a move to help tie him."

"Great old days when the roads were worn into three ruts—one on each side made by the buggy wheels and the pole teams—with a third rut in the center of the tracks worn by the single buggy horses. Then as town was approached, there was a side track, over which those who came from behind with a crack of the whip and the horse on the run might get by if they could do it before they got to the corner. Many a wheel was dished at the corner with a bad spill followed by a wild horse tearing wildly up the village street, sometimes going through a store window as a fitting climax."

"The hitch racks in the village are no more. The good going horses are few in number—they don't raise many these days like the bay trotting colt or the old black pacing mare that could give all of them her dust any day of the week."

Great old horse-and-buggy days! What memories! But today is today—the ground is frozen and the automobile will run—so who has time even to think of a horse?

MILLBURN CHURCH TO BE SCENE OF CANTATA, PLAY

There will be a cantata and play at the church on Sunday evening, December 20, and on Wednesday evening there will be a program by the children with the usual Christmas tree and treat for all. Everyone in the community is invited to attend these programs.

Kenneth Denman and Vernon Webb drove to Sycamore on Saturday. The former gave a report of his trip to the Future Farmers' Convention at Kansas City, Missouri, to the boys who were attending the grain judging contest there.

Mrs. Ernest Garrett and son, of Zion, called at the Theodore Garrett home Monday afternoon.

Earl Bauman and Roy Bonner, with other students from Warren High school, took part in the grain judg-

ing contest at Sycamore.

Miss Ruth Minto spent

end with friends in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence

Chicago were callers at

home on Sunday.

Mrs. Florence Achen and

Kenosha spent Saturday at

Martin home.

Mrs. E. A. Groebli spent

in Chicago visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore G.

turned home Friday after

several days with their son

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Stephens

pleasantly surprised on Saturday

evening, when thirty of their

came in to spend the evening

them. 500 was played. Mr. and

Stephens were presented with an

electric table lamp.

Mrs. George Beaumont and

Floyd Beaumont, of Kansasville, W.

consln, spent Wednesday at the R. J.

Bonner home.

Mrs. E. A. Martin and Mrs. Florence

Achen spent Wednesday in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Edwards and son,

Webb, of River Forest, were guests

for dinner at the D. B. Webb home on

Sunday.

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Woman's Club Is Sponsoring Xmas Display Contest

All Antioch Residents Are
Eligible to Compete

Members of the Antioch Woman's club are sponsoring an Outdoor and Window Christmas Display contest here from December 20 until January 1. It was announced this week.

All residents of Antioch are eligible to compete in this contest; only displays on property within the municipal limits used for residential purposes will be considered by the judges. Each entry must be submitted in the name of a single individual.

The displays, which must be installed and on exhibit from December 20 until January 1, inclusive, will be judged by members of the Public Service company. The points that will be taken into account in judging the displays will be artistic merit, simplicity, and night time effectiveness. Interior decoration visible from the exterior will be considered a part of the display effect.

All entries must mail name and address to the Public Service Outdoor Christmas Display Contest committee before December 20.

Members of the local committee include Mesdames H. H. Grimm, W. H. Osmond, Ben Burke, Percy Chinn, and Miss Ardis Grimm.

HICKORY CORNERS HOMES OPEN TO MANY WEEK END VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. George Klecka and family, of Kenosha, spent Sunday at the home of their sister, Mrs. Alfred Pedersen and family.

Mrs. Chris Paulsen visited her mother, Mrs. Andrew Pedersen, in Waukegan last Tuesday.

Harold Thompson has a new Chevrolet coach.

Supt. Petty visited our school last Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heydecker and daughter, of Waukegan, called at John Crawford's Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cook, of Round Lake, spent Tuesday at Chris Cook's.

Frank Healy and son, Robert, of Kenilworth, visited at John Crawford's on Sunday.

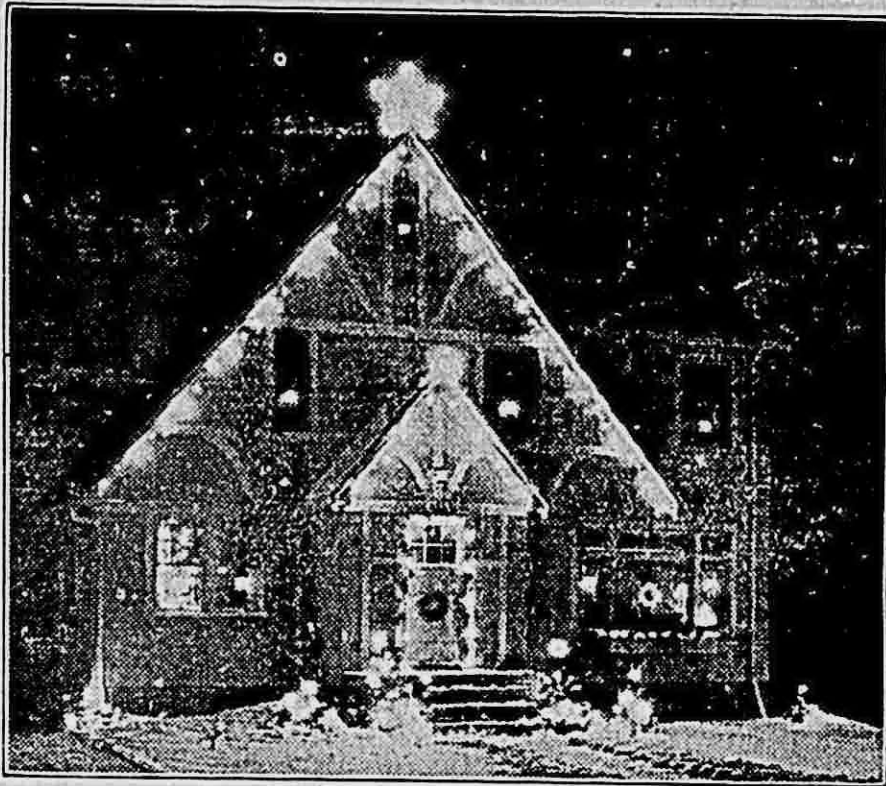
Mr. and Mrs. George Olsen, of Waukegan, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. McAllister Irving on Sunday. Edward Anderson, also of Waukegan, called there in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Thompson and Helen visited the Phillip Gould family at Grayslake Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bray and Doris, of Waukegan, visited at Chris Cook's Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fields spent Thursday in Waukegan.

Lights for Santa Bring Yuletide Cheer



KUTIL'S TEAM WINS

Successfully competing with 20 other high school teams of Northeastern Illinois, the Antioch High school poultry judging group won the championship at the meet held at Sycamore Saturday.

William Latimer, freshman, placed second as an individual judge, while Willard Schneider, sophomore, placed seventh in a class of 80 boys. Their

total score put Antioch in the first position with Sandwich second.

The grain judging team, consisting of Paul Nielsen and Melvin Christensen, placed eighth and the corn team, with Kenneth Hill and Holger Nielsen, as team mates, placed in tenth place.

This makes the fifth sectional championship in nine years under the instructorship of C. L. Kutil.

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